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AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 by replacing the indicated claim with the following clean version and add new claims 6-12. (See Attachment A for the marked up version of the amended claim.)

1. (Amended) A molded metal part produced by a process comprising the steps of:
- introducing the melted material into a first chamber;
 - allowing at least a portion of the melted material to pass through said first chamber into a second chamber, wherein said allowing step comprises creating a suction in the second chamber to draw the portion of the melted material from the first chamber into the second chamber;
 - pushing at least a portion of the melted material remaining in the first chamber into said second chamber;
 - injecting the melted material from the second chamber into the mold; and